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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Operations Group

SUBJECT : Austrian Bureau Construction Project

1. This memorandum recommends two actions on the part of FBIS Headquarters:

A. Funding of an Austrian Bureau construction project in the amount of approximately \$6,300; and

B. Initiation of the required paperwork to secure for the Chief, Austrian Bureau, authority to act as Contracting Officer in the execution of a firm fixed-price construction contract.

2. One of the recommendations arising from the September 1981 security survey of Austrian Bureau resulted in the bureau acquiring two additional 55-gallon Sodium Nitrate Kits. In order to bring the two drums (together with the single drum already in the bureau's possession) within the designated third-floor safe-haven area, they were placed on the open veranda off the Main Radio Room. After a season exposed to the rigors of Vienna's winter, the drums are showing sufficient surface rusting to concern us about the long-term viability of their placement in the open. We do not, however, have the floor space inside the building to house the drums; nor does it seem logical to attempt to store such items in an area where they could never be used.

3. The need for a better storage area for the sodium nitrate drums, coupled with the lack at the bureau of workspace for the messier maintenance jobs (e.g., cleaning of teletype printers) led Bureau Engineer [] and (I) to develop the concept of enclosing a portion of the third-floor veranda to meet both purposes. The plan we developed would tie the third-floor turret-like room located across the veranda directly to the main part of the building by means of a covered walkway/workroom. Within this area, the sodium nitrate drums would be placed on dollies proximate to wide doors through which they could be easily wheeled in the event of need.

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